

Claims 1 – 98 (cancelled).

Claim 99 (new).

99. A method for facilitating the mating of members of a plurality of garments the mated members forming a matched set wherein the method comprises:-

- providing an identifiable location to place a first and or second member of a first matched set;

- providing an identifiable location to place a first and or second member of a second matched set;

- inputting into an electrically operable device identifying information associated with a member;

- processing the member identifying information;

- outputting a signal from an electrically operable device facilitating user determination of the identifiable location to place said member;

wherein said garments preferably comprise socks and a matched set preferably comprises a pair of socks.

Claim 100 (new).

100. The method for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 99, wherein the identifiable location related to at least one member of the first matched set is distinct to the identifiable location related to at least one member of the second matched set.

Claim 101 (new).

101. The method for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 99 wherein at least one identifiable location is identified by an identifier that is human readable, said location identifier preferably comprising at least one of indicia, shapes, colours, images.

Claim 102 (new).

102. The method to mating members as claimed in claim 99 wherein the location to place said member is identified by an electrically operable indicator and preferably wherein said indicator is proximal to said location.

Claim 103 (new).

103. The method for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 102 wherein a first electrically operable indicator is associable with a first location to place one at least members of a first matching set and a second electrically operable indicator is associable with a second location to place one at least members of a second matching set.

Claim 104 (new).

104. The method for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 103 wherein the first indicator is operable to alter state in response to an electrically operable device receiving information associated with a member of the first matching set and or the second indicator is operable to alter state in response to an electrically operable device receiving information associated with a member of the second matching set.

Claim 105 (new).

105. The method for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 99 wherein the identifiable location related to one at least members of a first matching set is associable with a first person and the identifiable location related to one at least members of a second matching set is associable with a second person.

Claim 106 (new).

106. The method for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 99 wherein a first electrically operable indicator associated with a first identifiable location facilitates the transfers of at least one said member to a second identifiable location and preferably wherein said transfer is from a temporary storage arrangement to an extended storage arrangement.

Claim 107 (new).

107. The method for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 106 wherein a second electrically operable indicator associated with said second identifiable location facilitates said transfer.

Claim 108 (new).

108. An electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members of a plurality of socks the mated members forming a matched set.

Claim 109 (new).

109. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 108 further comprising a portable electronic device for receiving identifying information from said members and for electronically outputting information facilitating the mating of members.

Claim 110 (new).

110. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 108 wherein said system is for use with members in a user environment.

Claim 111 (new).

111. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 108 further arranged to receive information pertaining to identifying information coupled to the member.

Claim 112 (new).

112. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 111 wherein the identifying information comprises a bar code, indicia, shape or colour, and preferably wherein the identifying information is coupled to the sock by at least one of:

- printing,
- woven into the fabric of the sock,
- a device attached to the sock.

Claim 113 (new).

113. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 111 wherein the received information comprises at least one of: voice input, keyboard entry, selection from a means for display, pointing device, wireless input, electronic imaging.

Claim 114 (new).

114. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 111 wherein the received information is manually entered and or electronically read into the system.

Claim 115 (new).

115. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 114 wherein the identifying information is electronically read by RFID or the transfer of power and data on a single conductor.

Claim 116 (new).

116. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 108 arranged to receive first identifying information pertaining to a first member and second identifying information pertaining to a second member, wherein said first and second members are a mating pair, and said first and second identifying information is stored in computer memory and the system preferably further arranged to associate said stored first and second identifying information.

Claim 117 (new).

117. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 116 further arranged to receive at a subsequent time said first and or second identifying information and to process the subsequently received identifying information with the previously stored identifying information.

Claim 118 (new).

118. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 117 further comprising an output signal responsive to said processing, said output signal facilitating mating of the member associated with said identifying information.

Claim 119 (new).

119. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 118 wherein the output signal facilitates activation of an electrically operable indicator associated with a location for a user to place said member.

Claim 120 (new).

120. The electrically operable system for facilitating the mating of members as claimed in claim 108 further comprising at least one of: sock ID means, passive sock storage means, active sock storage means, sock location ID means, sock storage means, vacant sock location

detector means, sock control means, sock ID acquisition means, sock ID library means, sock ID support information, and or active sock processing means.

Claim 121 (new).

121. The method of coupling identifying information to a sock wherein the information is for use with an electrically operable system arranged to facilitate the mating of members of a plurality of socks the mated members forming a matched set.

Claim 122 (new).

122. An item of bedding for sorting and or mating members of a plurality of members, the mated members forming a matched set wherein the item of bedding is arranged to provide a first signal for association with a first member and a second signal for association with a second member and preferably wherein: said members comprise socks, and or said bedding includes at least one of blanket, bed sheet, doona cover, or bedspread.

Claim 123 (new).

123. An item of bedding as claimed in claim 122 wherein the first signal is provided by a first electrically operable indicator and the second signal is provided by a second electrically operable indicator, both indicators coupled to the item of bedding.

Claim 124 (new).

124. An item of bedding as claimed in claim 123 wherein the first signal is for activation in response to the provision of information related to a first member and the second indicator is for activation in response to the provision of information related to a second member.

Claim 125 (new).

125. An electrically operable system for tracking at least one of:

- the placement of an item into luggage;

- the presence of an item stored in the luggage;

- the removal of an item from luggage;

- wherein

- the system is arranged to read an identifying signal coupled to the item;

- and

- preferably wherein:

said luggage comprise at least one of: a suitcase, briefcase, handbag or baby pack;  
and or  
said item comprise at least one of: garment, toothbrush, razor, deodorant, diapers, documents, electronic device.

Claim 126 (new).

126. An electrically operable system for tracking as claimed in claim 125 further comprising an RFID reader, the reader preferably arranged to read said identifying signal from an RFID transponder attached to said item.

Claim 127 (new).

127. An electrically operable system for tracking as claimed in claim 125 further comprising at least one of: a Luggage Control Means, Personal Selection Means, Luggage ID Means or a Suitcase ID Means and preferably wherein the Luggage ID Means and or Suitcase ID Means includes an RFID device.

Claim 128 (new).

128. An electrically operable system for tracking as claimed in claim 127 wherein said RFID device is arranged to be inactivated, said inactivation preferably reversible.

Claim 129 (new).

129. A portable electrically operable device arranged to:  
receive user commands by keyboard entry, selection from a display, or voice input;  
and or  
output information on a display;

wherein,

the portable device is further arranged to provide for user customisation of:

the input required to elicit a command; and or  
the sequence of menu items displayed in response to user input.

Claim 130 (new).

130. A portable electrically operable device as claimed in claim 129 wherein the device is further arranged to store customisation information for first and second users, said first and second customisation information independently configurable.